Sale of Refined Soja Oil

3183. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Refined Soja Oil, is being sold to public through public Distribution System@Rs. 71 50 per 5 kg. tin;

(b) whether these tins are being sold as Edible Oil whereas the words "EDIBLE OIL" is not visible on the tins; if so, the reasons for selling this item as edible oil without marking it as edible oil;

(c) whether the one side of the tin shows this oil as "SOJA OIL" whereas the other side of the tin shows this as "OLIO DISOIA RAFFINATO"; if so, the reasons for selling this item with two names; and

(d) whether any Laboratory Test of the oil has been made before its sale in the market ; if so, the report of the test made; and if not the reasons for its sale without any test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Imported refined Soyabean Oil gifted by the Italian Government under Drought relief, has been released by the State Trading Corporation to the various State Governments @Rs. 14 50 per kg.

(b) to (d) Refined Soyabean Oil donated by the Government of Italy and Packed in 5 Litre tins carries the inscription in English and Italian as follows:— On one side it reads "Refined Soya Oil—Gift of the Italian Government", and on the opposite side it reads "Cooperazione Italiana alle Sviluppo-Olio di Soia raffinato-Dono del Governo Italiano".

Like all imported consignments of Edible Oils, consignments recived under the gift programme from the Government of Italy were also subject to independent inspection for quality by the nominees of the Directorate General of Health Services at the port of entry to test that the imported oil conforms to the provisions of the prevention of Food Audlteration Act, before being released by Customs Authorities.

Setting up of Frequency Modulation Stations

3184. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is meant by Frequency Modulation broadcasts;

(b) the names of Stations where Frequency Modulation broadcasts have been provided alongwith their frequencies;

(c) whether the frequency modulation broadcasts can be heard over the Radio sets normally available in the market or whether any specifically designed sets are required for the same;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more F.M. Stations over All India Radio network; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY):

(a) In the Frequency Modulation System of Broadcast the frequency of the carrier is altered in accordance with the amplitude of Audio Signal. Frequency Modulation system operates in the very High Frequency Band and gives interference-free service during day and night.

(b) At present, Frequency Modulation broadcasts are available from radio stations located at Bombay, Madras Calcutta and Delhi

operation on 107.1 MHz and at Kottagudam in Andhra Pradesh operating on 100.1 MHz.

(c) Frequency modulated broadcasts can be heard over the radio sets which have F.M. Band.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the attached Annexure (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 179)

Drinking water to every village in the country

3185. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country without potable water as on 31st December, 1988;

(b) whether Government have any time-bound programme to supply potable water to every village in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) As on 31st December, 1988, there were 32,109 "No Source" problem villages in the country without safe drinking water facilities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Except for about 4195 'No Source" Problem villages in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Punjab, all the problem villages will be provided with safe drinking water facilities by the end of VIIth Five Year Plan.

Price and distribution controls on Steel

3186. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering partially lifting the existing price and distribution control on Steel;

(b) if so, by when the decontrol in phased manner will be given effect to;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued by Government to prepare base paper; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR) (a) There is no statutory price/distribution control on steel. The Joint Plant Committee (JPC) comprising the main steel producers and the Railways, the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel as Chairman, which is a body set up under the Iron and Steel (Control) Order, 1956, revises the prices. These prices are determined keeping in view increases in input costs and levies from time to time, JPC also lays down guidelines to ensure distribution of steel to the priority sector as also the compact group of industries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Abuse and Torture of Maids of Indian Origin in Gulf countries

3187. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports